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THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Town Officers

TOWN OF

STRATFORD

YEAR ENDING

January 31, 1924

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
TOWN OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
STRATFORD, N. H.
FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR
ENDING
JANUARY 31, 1924.

TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR

John C. Hutchins

TOWN CLERK

Edward B. Fuller

TREASURER

Charles E. Clark

SELECTMEN

Johns C. Hutchins, Chairman

Bert Stinson True G. Martin

TAX COLLECTOR

Loyal P. Brown

HEALTH OFFICER

Albert W. Smith

BOARD OF EDUCATION

John C. Hutchins, Chairman

Hugh H. Johnson John H. Hinman

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Eugene S. Foster

TREASURER

Abner D. Norcott

LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Fred E. Cheney Elva M. Gilbert

Henrietta Merriam

SUPERVISORS, CHECK LIST

John H. Hinman Everett C. Brown

Charles E. Clark

ROAD COMMISSIONERS

William Hapgood Elwin Hapgood

TRUNK LINE PATROLMEN

James T. Carr David McMann

Adolph Le Clair

TRUSTEES PUBLIC FUNDS

Charles E. Clark Lewis Morse

John I. Crown

JUSTICE MUNICIPAL COURT

James E. Mason

WATER COMMISSIONER

John C. Hutchins, Chairman Chas. E. Clark, Treas.

John H. Hinman Don W. Stevens Abe Kugelman

PROHIBITION OFFICER

Herbert F. Watts

AUDITORS

James E. Mason Fred C. Willard

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Stratford qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Knights of Pythias Hall in the village of North Stratford on Tuesday, the 11th day of March next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

1: To elect by ballot and major vote, a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

2: To elect by ballot and major vote, one Selectman to serve for the ensuing three years, and to elect all other necessary Town Officers.

3: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for repairs of highways and bridges, state aid maintenance, and trunk line maintenance.

4: To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for town expenses, observance of Memorial Day, sewers, street lights, town libraries, cemeteries, town debt and interest, for use of hydrants for fire protection, and any other necessary moneys to be used by the town.

5: To see if the Town will vote to continue the employment of a night watchman at North Stratford and raise money for the same.

6: To see if the Town will vote to install street lights from the plant of the New Hampshire Stave and Heading Mill to the residence of James T. Carr, and to raise or appropriate money for the same.

7: To see if the Town will vote to continue by construction a sidewalk from the property of O. M. Holman, in the North Stratford Village, to the end of River Street and thence along Cross Street to South Main Street, and to raise or appropriate money for the same.

8: To see if the Town will vote to observe "Old Home Day" and to raise or appropriate money for the same.

9: To see if the Town will vote to continue the services of a district nurse, and to raise or appropriate money for the same.

10: To see if the town will vote to raise money for the support of the North Stratford Band.

11: To see if the Town will vote to publish the Town History of Stratford, and raise money for the same.

12: To bring in your votes for the election of Delegates-at-large, Alternate Delegates-at-large, District Delegates, Alternate District Delegates to the National Conventions of the Democratic and Republican parties, to be held for the purpose of nominating party candidates for President and Vice-President of the United States.

13: To hear the reports of agents, auditors officers and committees heretofore chosen and pass any vote relative thereto.

Given under our hands and seal at Stratford, this 23rd day of February A. D. 1924.

JOHN C. HUTCHINS,
BERT STINSON,
TRUE G. MARTIN,
Selectmen of Stratford.

TOWN BUDGET.

Estimates of Revenues and Expenditures for the Ensuing Year, Jan. 31, 1924 to Jan. 31, 1925 compared with Actual Revenue and Expenditures of the previous year from Jan. 31, 1923 to Jan. 31, 1924.

SOURCES OF REVENUE

	Actual 1923	Est. 1924
FROM STATE:		
Railroad Tax	$4533.61	$4600.00
Savings Bank Tax	1044.52	1100.00
For highways	3300.00	2000.00
(a) For state Aid Maintenance	100.00	150.00
(b) For Trunk Line Maintenance	4750.00	7000.00
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:		
Fines and Forfeits	584.00	200.00
Interest received on Taxes and Deposits	261.12	250.00
FROM POLL TAXES:		
All sources	2655.00	2600.00
National Bank Stock	74.50	50.00
Total Revenue from all sources except property taxes	17302.75	17950.00
Amount raised by Property taxes	48054.18	45000.00
Total	$65,356.93	$62,950.00

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES

CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:

General Government:

HEALTH

	1923	Est. 1924
Town Officers' Salaries	891.75	1000.00
Town Officers' Expenses	84.95	250.00
Election and Registration Expenses		50.00
Municipal Court Expenses	225.30	200.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:		
Police Department	1134.64	1500.00

Fire Department	167.50	200.00
Health Department	586.40	600.00
Vital Statistics	25.55	30.00
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:		
State Aid Maintenance:		
State's Contribution	50.00	75.00
Town's Contribution	50.00	75.00
Trunk Line Maintenance:		
State's Contribution	4750.00	7000.00
Town's Contribution	4750.00	7000.00
Town Maintenance	4199.72	2000.00
Street Lighting	857.53	1000.00
EDUCATION:		
Libraries	400.00	600.00
CHARITIES:		
Town Poor	49.60	49.60
Memorial Day etc	1100.00	100.00
RECREATION:		
Parks and Playgrounds	346.25	300.00
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:		
Cemeteries	50.00	
Sewer Maintenance	200.00	200.00
INTEREST		
On Temporary Loans	163.46	100.00
On Bonded Debt	1241.12	1200.50
OUTLAY FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION AND PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS:		
Sidewalks	3759.59	500.00
INDEBTEDNESS		
Payment on Principal of Debt		1000.00
Bonds	5000.00	5000.00
PAYMENT TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:		
State Taxes	4821.00	4821.00
County Taxes	5884.32	5884.32
Total	$59,783.83	$66,367.42

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand	$ 7354.86
State Treasurer, R. R. Tax	4533.61
State Treasurer, Savings Bank Tax	1044.52
Interest on 1923 deposits	227.77
L. P. Brown, Collector, 1923 taxes	50743.95
E. B. Fuller, 1923 auto tax	1783.69
E. B. Fuller, 1923 dog tax	127.03
State Treasurer, State Aid Construction	335.68
State Treasurer, State Aid Maintenance	21.50
State Treasurer, Trunk Line	2007.43
W. J. Nichols, 1922 poll tax	5.00
Unknown, 1922 poll tax	5.00
Angelo Delmedico, 1922 poll tax	5.00
C. Nichols, 1922 poll tax	5.00
North Stratford Realty Co.,	10.00
James Blodgett, 1922 tax	10.60
Arthur Delano, 1922 tax	11.20
County Treasurer, county charges	266.00
W. D. Ball, 1922 taxes	44.70
Town of Maidstone, sluice pipe	36.00
Judge James E. Mason, court fines	584.00
Town of Columbia	20.00
Interest on deposits	24.12
State Treasurer, bounties	86.60
John Mills, 1922 tax	55.00
Total amout of receipts	$69348.26
Total amount of disbursements	66030.67
Balance on hand	$3317.65

DISBURSEMENTS

School Funds		
A. D. Norcott, Treas.,	$23522.96	$23522.96
County Tax		
County Treasurer	5884.32	5884.32
State Tax		
State Treasurer	3795.00	
State Treasurer, 513 polls at $2.00	1026.00	4821.00
Police Department		
Aaron E. Stevens	1005.00	
W. G. Brent	3.50	
H. F. Watts	20.00	
J. C. Hutchins Co.	57.00	1085.50
Prohibition Officer		
H. F. Watts	34.50	34.50
Town Library Appropriation		
F. E. Cheney, Trustee	400.00	400.00
Sewer Rental		
John C. Hutchins	200.00	200.00
Town Poor		
W. F. Nugent, keeping tramps	4.00	
George Brouche, keeping tramps	29.95	
Bean Roach Co., keeping tramps	10.50	
George Rich, keeping tramps	4.30	
J. C. Hutchins Co., R. R. ticket for T. Hay	4.85	49.60
Trunk Line Maintenance		
Lord King	23.25	
Leo King	17.25	
Lewis Normando	20.25	
Ernest Normando	23.25	
Leo Normando	6.00	
R. A. Minard	112.00	
W. J. Deference	45.50	
William Hapgood	388.00	
J. L. Mills	1220.00	

Harry Elliott	103.50
John Drapeau	67.82
Howard Rogers	59.50
Glen Smith	92.79
Leland Smith	82.00
Frank Paradiss	92.75
Cecil Barnett	96.75
Elmer Barnettt	91.50
Linwood Severy	89.75
Henry Gendrow	59.50
L. Gonya	17.50
Thomas Chapple	8.75
William Noes	50.75
John O'Donnell	53.42
Leon Walling	12.00
Clark Hanson	54.25
M. C. R. R. Co., freight on tarvia	96.00
Grand Trunk, freight bill	5.20
Dwight Lurvey	17.50
Richard Eastman	40.00
Jesse Bunnell	24.50
A. J. Payeur	6.15
Guy Weston	48.79
Beattie & Walker	54.04
C. F. Covell	288.60
Stratford School district, gravel	126.60
J. C. Hutchins Co., paint	520.45
E. C. Gale	25.61
Town of Columbia	119.50
Hutchins & Hinman	51.50
Warren Dowse	15.00
C. M. Johnson	62.19
Levi Cleveland	10.00
Paid for petroleum	3532.52

Paid State of New Hampshire	4415.50	7948.02
		$12348.60

Expense Bog Brook Road

Fred Jordan, bridges		$ 888.57
Elwin Hapgood		1113.92
Bert Stinson		43.40
Geo. Kinball		17.00
Elwin Hapgood		312.00
H. N. Cone, plank		62.33
E. C. Brown, plank		56.30
		$2494.52

Winter Roads

Earl Brown	9.50	
John Tetu	10.00	
James Carr	7.72	
Elwin Hapgood	99.25	
Aaron E. Stevens	53.00	
Richard Hapgood	20.00	199.47

Fire Department

Aaron E. Stevens	8.00	
E. M. Fuller	5.00	
Charles Taylor	4.00	
Walter Hand	4.00	
Harold Hapgood	5.00	
William Hapgood	6.00	
George Brouch	4.00	
Neal Fansworth	4.00	
Archie Paradis	4.00	
Jack Proctor	4.00	
R. M. Hutchins	6.00	
Leslie Barnett	7.00	
Ernest Bredo	4.00	
Edgar DeBanville	8.00	
Anthony DeBanville	7.00	
Mike Tremos	5.00	

True Martin	7.00	
John Taylor	5.00	
Eugene Gale	5.00	
Dean Clough	6.00	
John Mills	6.00	
F. L. Gilbert	7.00	
H. F. Watts	4.00	
R. F. Beattie	4.00	
John H. Hinman	5.00	
A. Bergeron	7.00	
Guy Weston	5.00	
A. Payeur	4.00	
E. Duval	7.00	
Levi Cleveland	4.00	
J. C. Hutchins	1.50	167.50
Memorial Appropriation		
John R. Ryan	50.00	
L. E. Barnett	50.00	100.00
Cemetery Appropriation		
Charles E. Clark	50.00	50.00
Repairing Sewers		
Guy Weston	20.80	20.80
District Nurse Appropriation		
James E. Mason	500.00	500.00
Health Department		
J. C. Hutchins Co., use of hearse	20.00	
A. W. Smith, health officer	10.50	
John C. Hutchins Co., disinfectants	39.83	70.33
Bounties		
Gilbert Varney	10.00	
James Nichols	25.00	
Bert Stinson	46.80	
J. C. Hutchins Co.	4.60	86.40
Damages and Legal Expenses		
C. O. Stevens, C. V. L. Co.'s case	52.52	
A. C. Hicks, C. V. L. Co's case	45.00	

A. M. Bean, C. V.L.. Co's case	384.80	
Fred Bean, C. V. L. Co.'s case	285.00	
A. C. White, C. V. L. Co's case	217.28	
J. C. Hutchins, C. V. L. Co's case, expense	74.22	
J. C. Hutchins Co., expense C. V. L. Co.s case	59.24	
Arthur Aldrich	3.00	
Lefie Curtis, sheep killed by dog	7.00	1128.06
Town Officers' Salaries		
John C. Hutchins, selectman	300.00	
Bert Stinson, selectman	100.00	
True Martin	100.00	
E. B. Fuller, town clerk	75.00	
Charles E. Clark, treasurer	25.00	
J. H. Hinman, ballot clerk	10.00	
Charles E. Clark, ballot clerk	5.00	
E. C. Brown, ballot clerk	5.00	
J. C. Hutchins, moderator	10.00	
L. P. Brown, collector	200.00	
L. P. Brown, dog constable	15.00	
E. B. Fuller, collecting fees automobiles	46.75	891.75
Auditors	10.00	10.00
Town Officers' Expenses		
F. J. Nugent, teams	9.00	
Regina Doyle copying	32.25	
Regina Doyle	15.00	
J. C. Hutchins, postage, stationery and telephone	28.40	84.95
		$2792.29
Printing		
Coos County Democrat	97.80	
Edson C. Eastman	35.37	133.17

Old Home Week Appropriation		
Chester Nutter, treasurer	1000.00	1000.00
Sidewalk Appropriation		
Fred Jordan	3677.25	
Guy Weston	82.08	3759.33
Insurance		
Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co.	170.50	170.50
Town Lines		
Town of Stark	10.25	10.25
Protection of Persons and Property		
Bert Stinson	5.00	5.00
Public Water Troughs		
North Stratford Fountain	7.50	
George Kimball	5.00	
G. E. McMann	5.00	
Levi Hoskins	5.00	
Stratford Water Co., fountain	12.50	35.00
Fire Station Equipment		
J. C. Hutchins Co.	6.00	6.00
Parks and Playgrounds		
Beattie & Walker	17.73	
J. C. Hutchins Co.	5.00	
Frank Jordan	9.50	
Hoffman Corr Mfg. Co., flags	30.45	
Grand Trunk, rent on fountain lot	1.00	
Philadelphia Navy Yard, packing gun	7.60	
Freight and trucking bill on gun	57.97	
Freight on Navy guns	17.00	146.25
County Charges		
John Jordan	144.00	
Dr. Brown, for Reed	24.00	
Dr. Gilbert, for Houley	65.00	
John C. Hutchins Co., for Page	40.00	
E. C. Brown, goods to Reed family	7.31	

E. C. Brown, goods to Patnaud	9.67	289.98
Notes and Interest Paid		
Farmers' & Traders' Bank, interest on Jones note	275.30	
Farmers' & Traders' Bank, interest on mill site	365.82	
James L. Davidson	100.00	
Lancaster National Bank, interest on Mill site note	500.00	
Hydrant service	4000.00	
Farmers & Traders Bank discount on loans	103.46	
		$5344.58
Expenses of Municipal Court		
Judge James E. Mason	$100.00	
Stratford Water Co	20.00	
J. C. Hutchins Co. supplies	34.25	
Guy Weston, bill	5.20	
H. F. Watts, bill	16.20	
C. F. Covell, bill	49.65	
		$225.30
Public Service		
Groveton Electric Light Co	845.80	
E. H. Macloon, bill	11.73	
		$857.53
Town Maintenance		
Clark & Cheney, bill supplies	$10.54	
Earl Johnson	5.00	
William Hapgood	37.50	
Lebanon Machine Co., rd. signs	50.50	
Guy Weston	20.08	
James Carr	12.91	
S. P. Connary	2.00	
A. J. Payeur	2.25	
Aaron E. Stevens	20.00	

John I. Crown	3.00	
John L. Mills	49.00	
		$1505.73
Vital Statistics		
Edward B. Fuller	25.55	25.55
North Stratford Band Appropriation		
M. Belisle, Treas.	200.00	200.00
Trunk Line Maintenance		
Adolph Leclair, patrol work	$903.53	
James T Carr, patrol work	1681.90	
David McMann, patrol work	739.59	
Henry Brown, patrol work	207.50	
		$3532.52
State Aid Construction		
Michael Wheeler	$1852.40	$1852.40
State Aid Maintenance		
Henry Brown	$12.00	
David McMann	6.00	
		$18.00
Unclassified		
Taxes bid off by town	$140.78	$140.78

AUDITORS' REPORT.

This is to certify that we have this date audited the books and accounts of Charles E. Clark, Treasurer of the town of Stratford, and found them correct, with proper authority and vouchers to correspond to disbursements of money.

JAMES E. MASON,
FRED C. WILLARD,
Auditors.

North Stratford, N. H., Feb. 19th, 1924.

TOWN OF STRATFORD		BALANCE
ASSETS		
Cash:		
In hands of treasurer		$3317.65
In hands of trust funds (cemetery)		38.45
In hands of trust funds		58.38
Accounts due to town:		
Due from State:		
Joint highway account (T. L. M.)		161.66
State aid construction		944.61
State aid maintenance		84.71
Other bill due Town:		
From town of Bloomfield		241.00
Total assets		$4846.46
Excess of liabilities over assets (net debt)		136136.63
Grand Total		$140983.09
Net debt, Jan. 31, 1923	$152,991.80	
	140,983.09	
Decrease of debt	$12,008.71	

SHEET JANUARY 31, 1924

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by Town:	
Unexpended bal. in State Treas. of joint highway acct	$161.66
Above in town treasury	161.66
Long term notes outstanding:	
Dr. Jones damage suit	5343.45
Water Commissioners	4500.00
Factory site	19316.32
Bonds Outstanding:	
Water bonds	109000.00
School House bonds	3000.00
Grand Total	$140,983.09

TOWN OF STRATFORD RECEIPTS AND

Current Revenue:		
From Local Taxes:		
Property taxes, actually collected	$48054.18	
Poll taxes at $3	90.00	
Poll taxes at $5	2565.00	
Total of above collections		$50669.18
From State:		
For state maintenance	$ 21.50	
For state aid construction	335.68	
For trunk line maintenance	2007.43	2364.61
Railroad tax	4533.61	
Savings bank tax	1044.52	
Bounties	86.60	5664.73
From County:		
For support of Poor		266.00
From local sources, except taxes:		
Dog licenses	127.03	
Fines and forfeits, municipal court	584.00	
Interest on taxes	110.45	
Interest from deposits	251.89	
Income from trust funds	16.25	
Permits for the registration of motor vehicles	1783.69	2873.31
Total current revenue receipts (forwarded)		$61,959.33

PAYMENTS ENDING, JANUARY 31, 1924

Current Maintenance Expenses:

Town officers' salaries	$891.75
Town officers' expenses	84.95
Municipal court	225.30
Police Department	1134.60
Fire department, including forest fires	167.50
Bounties	86.60
Health Department	586.40
Vital statistics	25.55
Sewer maintenance	246.25
State Aid maintenance	32.50
Trunk Line maintenance	4849.89
Town maintenance	4199.72
Street lighting and sprinkling	857.53
General expenses of highway department, including watering troughs	32.50
Libraries	400.00
Town poor	49.60
County poor	289.98
Memorial Day	100.00
Parks and Playgrounds	346.25
Cemeteries, including hearse hire	70.00
Damages and legal expenses	1128.06
Total current expenses (forwarded)	$19,811.93

RECEIPTS (Continued)

Total receipts brought forward	$61959.33
Receipts Other than Current Revenue:	
Long term notes during year	10000.00
Total Receipts	$71959.33
Cash on hand, Feb. 1, 1923	7354.86
Grand Total	$79314.19

PAYMENTS (Continued)		
Total payment brought forward		$19811 93
Interest:		
Paid on temporary loan in anticipation of taxes	$103.46	
Paid on long term notes	1241.12	
Total interest payments		$1344.58
Outlay for New Construction and Permanent Improvements:		
Highway and bridges, State Aid construction	$1852.40	
Sidewalk construction	3759.33	
Land and buildings	246.30	
Total outlay payments		$5611.73
Indebtedness:		
Payments on temporary loans in anticipation of taxes	10000.00	
Payments on bonded debt	5000.00	
Total indebtedness payments		$15000.00
Payments to other Governmental Divisions:		
Taxes paid to State	$4821.00	
Taxes paid to County	5884.32	
Payments to School dist.	23522.96	
Total payments to other governmental divisions		34228.28
Total payments for all purposes		$75996.52
Cash on hand Jan. 31, 1924		3317.67
Grand total		$79314.19

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town hall, land and buildings	$ 2000.00
Furniture etc	200.00
Libraries, land and buildings	3500.00
Furniture and equipment	100.00
Fire Department lands and buildings	6500.00
Equipment	1000.00
Highway department equipment	1000.00
Parks etc.	3000.00
Water supply	115000.00
Schools, lands and buildings	83200.00
Total	$214500.00

JOHN C. HUTCHINS
BERT STINSON
TRUE G. MARTIN
Selectmen

WATER COMMISSIONERS.

(Charles E. Clark, Treas.)

EXPENDITURES

Feb.	12	Farmers & Traders Bank, loan	$ 250.00
		Lancaster National Bank, int. on loan	37.00
May	3	Lancaster National Bank, int. on Bonds	2775.00
	4	Lancaster National Bank, note	3700.00
	7	Don W. Stevens, collecting water rent	25.00
	9	Guy Weston, bill	50.00
	18	Harold Ramsey, labor	5.60
July	19	Lancaster Nat. Bank, on note	454.60
Oct.	16	Guy Weston, labor	100.00
		William Hapgood, labor	108.00
		John O'Donnell, labor	44.25
		Asa Fuller, labor	37.00
		Floyd Schoff, labor	44.00
		Linwood Sevey, labor	68.25
		Melvin Barnett, labor	28.00
		Cecil Barnett, labor	28.00
		Hollis Sweatt, labor	3.50
	20	John O'Donnell	10.00
		Eugene Gale, labor	3.85
		Lancaster Savings Bank	101.33
	31	John C. Hutchins, Public Service commission	41.48
		Guy Weston, bill	125.03
		Goss Supply Co., supplies	196.98
		Lancaster Nat.Bank, note	4775.90
		Lancaster Nat. Bank, int.	1.50
Nov.	19	John W. Stevens, collector	25.00
Dec.	27	William Hapgood, labor	62.25

1924			
Jan.	1	Lancaster Nat. Bank	68.40
	12	Guy Weston, bill	32.66
	16	Bloomfield Taxes	71.00
	30	Lancaster Nat. Bank, note	150.00
		Discount on 1922 loan	45.00
		Check Coos County, returned	7.50
Feb.	1	James E. Mason, water main	5.00
		F. J. Nugent, teams	14.75
		E. H. Macloon, thawing water	41.15
			13537.03

RECEIPTS

1923			
Mar.	1	Cash on hand	$ 864.72
		Don W. Stevens, 1923 water rents	3762.88
May	4	Note, Lancaster Nt. Bank	4000.00
		Note, Lancaster Nat. Bank	593.88
Oct.	31	Note, Lancaster Nat. Bank	4455.04
			$13676.52

Total amount of Receipts for 1923	$13676.52
Total amount of Expenditures for 1923	13537.03
Balance on hand	$139.49

North Stratford, N. H., Feb. 19th 1924

This is to certify we have this day audited the books and accounts of Charles E. Clark, Treasurer of the Water Board for the town of Stratford and found receipt properly recorded and disbursements made on proper authority with vouchers on file to so certfy

JAMES E. MASON
FRED C. WILLARD
Auditors

TRUST FUNDS.

Report of the Trustees of the Laura Johnson and N. D. Piper Cemetery Trust Funds for the year of 1923

1923			
Feb. 1	Balance on hand		$36.98
	Interest on Bonds		12.00
	Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1924		48.98

Report of the Trustees of the Town Cemetery Funds for the year of 1923.

Feb 1	Cash on hand	22.45	
	Town order	50.00	72.45
	DR.		
	Care Baldwin Cem.	15.00	
	Care Centre Cem.	15.00	
	Care Burnside Cem.	4.00	34.00
	Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1924		$38.45

Report of the Trustees of the Isaac Johnson Cemetery Trust Funds for the year of 1923.

1923		
Feb. 1	Cash on hand	5.15
	Interest on Bonds	4.25
	Balance on hand, Feb. 1, 1924	$9.40

CHARLES E. CLARK
ALBERT C. BLODGETT
LEWIS MORSE, Trustees.

OLD HOME WEEK.

(Chester T. Nutter, Treas.)

RECEIPTS

Town of Stratford	$1000.00
R. M. Hutchins, collected for advertising	85.00
A. Kugelman, balance over on ball game	2.20
Check from A. W. Noone	25.00
N. H. Stave & Heading Mill, advertising	3.00
R. F. Strong, advertising	3.00
	$1118.20

DISBURSEMENTS

Carl T. Stevens, labor and postage	$ 70.66
Atlantic Decorating Co., decorations	20.00
John H. Thurston, lantern slides	51.60
Fred Jordan, labor and material	110.00
Albert Russell & Sons Co., bronze tablets	190.00
Carl T. Stevens, labor and postage and material	69.09
Carl T. Stevens, fire works and express	16.37
Beane & Roache, meals to ball players	7.00
See See Sign, service for sign	14.50
A. D. Norcott, expense to Portland and return	12.34
Coos County Democrat, stationery and printing	134.75
The J. C. Hutchins Co., material, postage and telephone	93.28
J. A. Belisle, band	74.98
E. M. Fuller, express and telegrams	5.56

Clark & Cheney, merchandise		28.18
Atlantic Decorating Co., rental of curtain		5.00
Brown Costumer, costumes		100.00
Colebrook Sentinel, printing		29.00
Geo. M. Stevens & Sons Co., insurance on relics		8.40
Carl T. Stevens, labor		10.00
John H. Hinman, telephones and ex. of ball players		8.55
The ShoreyStudio, taking pictures		30.00
Colebrook Hardware Co., powder		7.36
John C. Hutchins, pistol and hostler		13.50
Total Disbursements		$1110.12
Balance in Bank	8.08	
Due from Geo. Kimball, advertising	3.00	

LIBRARY REPORT.

STRATFORD HOLLOW LIBRARY

RECEIPTS

1923			
Jan.	1	Cash on hand	$ 91.56
Aug.	16	Cashfrom Treas.	56.12
Sept.	12	Cash from Treas.	25.00
Dec	4	Cash from Treas.	50.00
			$222.68

PAID OUT

Mar.	28	Loring, Short & Harmon	$40.00
May	12	Harry Jordan	8.00
		J. R. Ryans	7.00
	22	H. A. Trask	9.47
Aug	20	Wm. Vera	32.63
	14	Jas. Wright	23.50
	31	Alvie Rolfe	22.50
Dec	5	H. A. Trask	14.94
	12	E. C. Brown	5.98
	31	Loring Short & Harmon	50.00
		Bal. on hand	8.66
			$222.68

Manager, Mrs. H. A. Merriam.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT OF NORTH STRATFORD LIBRARY

January 1923 to 1924.

The library now contains some 2300 volumes. Over sixty volumes have been added during the

last six months. The list comprising History, Travel Biography, Religious, Fiction, both adult and juvenile.

The circulation has fallen off a little owing to the removal of several reading families, but the weekly circulation is over one hundred books. New patrons are constantly being added.

The library was closed for several weeks during the summer, while the new card system was being introduced. This system adds greatly to the efficiency and ease with which the records are kept. At that time the books were thoroughly overhauled and put into repair.

The trustee sent the Librarian for a week's training in the Library School at Durham. The librarian and the reading public of North Stratford, I believe, have been generally benefited by that time spent in the study of library methods, and current literature.

The librarian hopes that the town will recognize the value and usefulness of its libraries, and will make a generous appropriation this year. A reading room with current periodicals, would help greatly to solve some of the community problems that are facing us. The librarian is in a position to know from the young men who frequent the library and who are far from their homes, what a help and safeguard it would prove.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeannette R. Thompson

Librarian

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Received

1923				
		Balance on hand	$291.78	
Oct.	17	Rec'd from town	200.00	
Dec.	31	Rec'd from fines	20.00	
		Rec'd from J. Thompson	2.30	
1924				
Jan.	31	Rec'd from town	20.00	
				$714.08

Paid out

1923			
Mar.	1	J. Thompson salary	$ 30.00
	26	C. Johnson, rent	60.00
Apr.	25	J. Thompson, salary	20.00
June	8	J. Thompson, salary (May)	10.00
		Gaylord Bros., sup.	24.82
	13	Library Bureau, books	2.28
		C. Johnson, rent	20.00
July	25	J. Thompson, salary	20.00
Aug.	15	Mrs. H. Merriam	22.50
		Mrs. H. Merriam	33.62
	30	C. Covell, sign	2.50
Sept.	3	J. Thompson, salary	10.00
		J. Thompson, Exp. to school	23.00
	12	Mrs. H. Merriam	25.00
		Library Bureau books	18.00
Oct.	18	J. Thompson, salary	10.00
	24	Loring & Harmon, (books)	13.02
Nov.	3	J. Thompson, salary	10.00
	14	A. R. Womrath, books	22.79

Dec.	4	J. Thompson, salary	20.00	
		Mrs. H. Merriam	50.00	
	31	Supplies and books	20.00	
1924				
Jan.	31	Loring and Harmon	35.32	
		J. Thompson, salary	10.00	
		A. Womrath, books	8.13	
	15	C. Johnson, rent	80.00	
			$601.08	
		Balance on hand	113.00	
				$714.08

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the School District of Stratford, qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Knights of Pythias Hall in the village of North Stratford on Tuesday, the 11th day of March next, at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following articles:

1. To elect a Moderator for the ensuing year.
2. To elect a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To elect a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years
4. To elect a Treasurer, two Auditors, and other necessary District Officers for the ensuing year.
5. To see what sum of money the District will vote to raise for the support of schools, both Elementary and High, and to take action upon the School Budget recommended by the School Board in their report to the District for the needs of the ensuing fiscal year.
6. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, officers and committees, heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relative thereto.

Given under our hand and seal at Stratford this 23rd day of February A. D. 1924.

JOHN C. HUTCHINS
HUGH H. JOHNSON
JOHN H. HINMAN
School Board of Stratford

SCHOOL REPORT.

For financial year beginning July 1, 1922 and ending June 30, 1923.

RESOURCES

For Elementary Schools, $5 tax on each $1000 of equalized valuation yielded district	$ 6704.07	
High School	6000.00	
Administration	700.00	
Debt and Interest	3475.00	
Per capita tax	440.00	
Repairs	600.00	
Equipment	500.00	
From dog licenses	83.40	
From Elementary tuitions	80.00	
From High School tuitions	760.00	
From Refund	6.79	
From State Equalization	31.80	
		$22536.06

EXPENDITURES

Salary of officers	$ 109.00
Salary of Superintendent	400.00
Census	7.00
Expenses of Administration	69.32
Teachers	12015.00
Text books	466.59
Supplies	357.04
Flags and appurtenances	24.75
Other Expenses of instruction	97.71

Janitor service	1161.00	
Fuel	1548.03	
Water, lights etc.	311.94	
Repairs	164.24	
Health	35.00	
Transportation	1349.25	
New equipment	50.00	
Deficit from last year	12.34	
Debt	3000.00	
Interest	337.50	
Per capita tax	412.00	
		$21927.71
Balance on hand	$608.35	

Cost of maintaining elementary schools	$11431.37
Cost of maintaining high school	6099.18
Average membership of elementary schools	169.06
Average membership in high school	46.98
Average cost per elementary pupil	129.82
Total number of teachers	11
Graduate of Normal or Training schools	6
Graduates of college	3
Visits to schools by School Board	10
Visits to school by Superintendent	179
Visits to schools by citizens	297

The above figures are for the year ending June 30, 1923. A statement regarding the finances of the present year and the needs for the coming year may be of interest to the voters.

At the beginning of the fall term it was found that there were 54 pupils in grades one and two. This number of pupils could not possibly be handled by one teacher. We were obliged, therefore, to engage one more teacher than we had planned to engage. This, of course, increased the cost of instruction. It was also found advisable

to make more extensive repairs than had been planned, in the basement and on the back walk at the North Stratford school. Here again, the expense was more than had been expected. Because of these two additional expenditures and the fact that we did not receive the state aid we had expected, we will probably have a deficit of approximately $1400 at the end of the present school year, June 30, 1924.

The cost of our schools for the coming year will be approximately $24,500. Add to this the deficit this year and we have a total of $25,900.00 to be raised.

The School Board proposes the following budget:

A tax of $5 on each $1000 of equalized valuation. (This sum should take care of the teachers' salaries, fuel, janitors, water and lights, and text books and supplies for the elementary schools.)

Transportation	$1435.00
High School	6000.00
Administration	700.00
Debt and Interest	3135.00
Per capita tax	500.00
Repairs	500.00
Playground equipment	100.00
Health	500.00
Deficit (from year ending June 30, 1924)	1400.00

The above appropriations added to the amounts received from the dog licenses, and tuition will give approximately the amount needed.

JOHN C. HUTCHINS
HUGH H. JOHNSON
JOHN H. HINMAN
School Board of Stratford

E. S. Foster, Supt. of Schools.

VITAL STATISTICS

In compliance with an act of the Legislature passed June, 1877, requiring "Clerks of Towns and Cities to furnish a Transcript of Marriages, Births and Deaths to the Municipal Officers for Publication in the Annual Report," I hereby submit the following. EDWARD B. FULLER, TOWN CLERK.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Stratford for the Year Ending December 31, 1923.

Date and Place of Marriage	Name and Surname Groom and Bride	Residence at time of Marriage	Age in Years	Color of Each	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of Birth of Each	Name of Father	Birthplace of Father	No. Marriage	Name, Residence and official station of person by whom married.
Jan 30 N Stratf'd	EJDesch'b'lt	Stratford	21	W	Operator	StHelenaPQ	New'lBlodgett	StHelena	1	ReLPRouthier
	RoseEHamel	Bloomfield	18	W	H'swork	BeecherFallsVt	EDesch'b'lt	BiddefordMe	1	No.Stratford
Feb 6 Stratford	WMontgomery	Stratford	35	W	Fireman	Penna	JosephHamel	Penna	2	RevEMFuller
	AlmaLanfery	Stratford	21	W	H'swork	Michigan	WilliamDennis	Ohio	1	No.Stratford
May 2 Stratford	NealEDennis	Stratford	23	W	Farming	Stratford	JMontgomery	Stratford	1	RevEMFuller
	Viv'nBlodgett	Stratford	21	W	H'swork	Columbia	CJLanfery	Stratford	1	No.Stratford
Oct 25 Stratford	LewisParker	Stratford	45	W	Farmer	WaldenVt	New'lBlodgett	DanvilleVt	1	ChasDPlatt
	FannieHartford	Stratford	18	W	H'swork	Stratford	AbelGParker	Mass	1	Stratford
Oct 11 North'd	ThosBO'Mera	No.Stratford	29	W	Painter	BeecherFallVt	Alb'tHartford	HalifaxNS	2	APAldrichJp
	DorisWWilson	Groveton	20	W	Cut'rGirl	BerlinNH	JasO'Mera	NewYork	1	Groveton
Dec 8 Stratford	JohnForbes	Groveton	20	W	Laborer	Canada	WmJWilson	Canada	1	RevJRRyan
	ThelmaBlodg't	Stratford	18	W	H'swork	Stratford	RobForbes	Stratford	1	Stratford
Dec 24 Grovet'n	Bern'dBronson	Stratford	28	W	Laborer	LowellVt	ReubenBronson	AlbanyVt	2	RevHLAlden
	SarahBall	Stratford	18	W	H'swork	Oklahoma	Will'dBall	MaidstoneVt	1	Groveton

Births Registered in the Town of Stratford for the Year Ending December 31, 1923.

Date of Birth and Name of Child if any	Male or Female	Living or S B	No. Child	Condition	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Occupation of Father	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
Jan 6 JeanE	F	L	1		JasBBlodgett	MyrtleOsgood	Chauffeur	BrunswickVt	PikeNH
Jan 4 LeonilB	M	L	5		ThosFournier	FloredaDerost	Laborer	Canada	Stratford
Jan 25 FloraB	F	L	8		LeviPortigue	FloraBaron	Laborer	Canada	MagogPQ
Feb 14 WilfordW	M	L	2		TimothyPage	RosieMYork	Farmer	FortFairfieldMe	FarmingtonMe
Feb 25 RobertH	M	L	5		EarleK.Howe	LenaAMoshier	Jeweler	BeecherFallVt	Canada
Feb 25 PhiliasH	F	L	4		EarleK.Howe	LenaAMoshier	Jeweler	BeecherFallVt	Canada
Mar 14 SterlinR	M	L	3		CCNugent	EdnaMShoff	Clerk	BloomfieldVt	LowelltownMe
Mar 2 AliceM	F	L	2		BarzellaBrainard	EvaMassue	Farmer	Stewartstown	SuttonVt
Mar 22 Cath'nL	F	L	3		GeoWBoudreau	LeonaDesCamps	Laborer	Canada	Belgium
Mar 26 LeonaA	F	L	3		JosephParadis	ElvaBlodgett	Carpenter	Canada	ColumbiaNH
Mar 26 DeliaM	F	L	4		ErwinJConnary	HazelMMason	Farmer	Stratford	BrunswickVt
Mar 30 Clar'ceA	M	L	2		ArthurPervere	EmmaStone	Laborer	Stratford	Stratford
Apr 4 WmF	M	L	1		ElmerEEgan	ElizabethHapgood	Farmer	Stratford	Stratford
Apr 8 Bird'laG	F	L	1		JohnRidlon	MonalGrant	Manager	Michigan	OttawaIll
Apr 16 Sherw'dL	M	L	9		NewellBlodgett	MaudYoung	SectionMan	Stratford	Stratford
Apr 20 MattieJ	F	L	10		BertStimson	GertrudeHapgood	Farmer	Stratford	Stratford
May 8 MiltonL	M	L	1		FrankBCarr	MarthaShaw	Laborer	OrangeVt	StJohnsburyVt
May 18 JohnE	M	L	2		JohnJO'Hare	AnnaDnault	Laborer	Canada	Canada
May 21 RobertaH	F	L	8		WinfieldNugent	EthelynKeach	Clothier	BloomfieldVt	ColumbiaNH
May 22 Jac'lineJ	F	L	1		VernusEShira	AnnaAnderson	Stenographer	Michigan	Penna
June 5	M	L	18		RobertChristie	IsabellaHardy	Farmer	LiverpoolEng	Stratford
June 6 LeoF	M	L	3		AlbertBlay	AliceBarley	Laborer	NewportVt	ColumbiaNH
June 21 EverettC	M	L	8		WmHMcMann	NoraBJordan	Farmer	Stratford	Stratford
June 27 BradleyE	M	L	5		EarlCBrown	AlbertinaMason	Farmer	Stratford	BrunswickVt
Aug 24 VernaR	F	S	1		WalterCBarrows	MavisERich	PaperMaker	NovaScotia	MaidstoneVt
Sep 1 MaxineV	F	L	2		CliffordHarvey	PhrilisCorkum	Laborer	NovaScotia	NovaScotia

VITAL STATISTICS—BIRTHS CONTINUED

Sep	5	BernardG	M	L	2	JasLDumphy	IvyENoble	Chef	P.E.I.	HastingsEng
Oct	14		M	L	9	CharlesFlurey	AliceEBoudle	Laborer	PortHenryNY	GrovetonNH
Oct	30	BarbaraK	F	L	1	ThosLDeLuray	MargaretCGould	Salesman	RacineWis	RacineWis
Nov	6	IreneM	F	L	4	LennieBHeath	MatildaBacon	Fireman	Penna	Michigan
Nov	18	LenaE	F	L	1	LewisParker	FannieEmery	Farmer	WeldonVt	Stratford
Dec	12	TheoR	M	L	2	RichardBrown	GertrudeColby	Laborer	BostonMass	ColumbiaNH
Dec	20	RitaT	F	L	3	JosWTetreault	IdellaConture	Mill-hand	Canada	ColumbiaNH
May	28	CarolynA	F	L	3	DeanSClough	MinnieAHughes	Clerk	Stratford	ColebrookNH

Deaths Registered in the Town of Stratford for the Year Ending December 31, 1923.

Date and Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased	Years	Months	Days	Place of Birth	Male or Female	Condition	Occupation	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother	Disease or Cause of Death
Feb 25 Stratford	RobertHowe				Stratford	M	S		EarleKHowe	LenaAMoshier	
Feb 26 Stratford	PhiliasHowe				Stratford	F	S		EarleKHowe	LenaAMoshier	
Mar 5 N'um'ld	WilburBarnett	69	2	4	Stratford	M	M	Farmer	BenjaminBarnett	-	
Mar 17 Stratford	AddieTBond	87	2	4	Beth'mNH	F	W	None	WilliamVGale	Unknown	
Apr 3 Stratford	PhoebeNHinman	75	10	28	CanaanVt	F	S	None	HarveyLHinman	HarrietteHugh	
Apr 7 Stratford	HerbertRiff		7	12	Stratford	M	S	None	HerbertRiff	MaryMcCue	
Apr 20 Colebrook	JuliaAGainsby	78	9	16	Stratford	F			JosephAMartin	ElviraLyman	
May 1 Stratford	MilfordWPage		2	13	Stratford	M	S	None	TimothyPage	RoseMYork	
May 2 Stratford	Alg'nonSAndrews	66	2	9	ParisMe	M	W	Farmer	SampsonAndrews	AngelineBriggs	
May 8 Stratford	MiltonLCarr				Stratford	M	S	None	FrankBCarr	MarthaShaw	
Jan 19 New'tNY	Jeff.VanBWright	96	3	19		M	M	None			
May 20 Stratford	ClarenceTSullivan	28	5	13	Lancaster	M	S	StoreHCl'k	ThomasSullivan	EllenO'Donnell	
May 25 Stratford	BellaSullivan	26	6	14	BerlinNH	F	S	Clerk	MarkSullivan	MabelTurnbull	
Aug 24 Stratford	VernaRBarrows				Stratford	F	S		WalterCBarrows	MarvisCRich	
Aug 4 Stratford	EleanorFBrackett	67	4	4	P'tlandMe	F	W	House'kp'ng	BenjaminBael	LoisBael	
Aug 6 Stratford	PeterCloutier	64	2	8	B'fieldVt	M	M	Lumber	ElishaABaldwin	ElizaBLoomis	
Sep 6 BerlinNH	NestorWBaldwin					M					
Sep 20 Stratford	FannieBCCheney	62	6	26	Thornton	F	M	Housewife	NathanielClark	MaryCGill	
Sep 25 Stratford	AnnieMColby	58	1	19	ExeterNH	F	M	Housewife	GeorgeSmith	MaryESmith	
Nov 6 Colebrook	JohnRCushman	3	7	25	Toronto	M	S	None	DanielCushman	LoraSpaulding	

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